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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: DTS Testimony Regarding Proposed Bill 28 (2013), CD2

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) provides the following testimony regarding proposed Bill 28 (2013), CD2, relating to SMOKING, amending the prohibition of smoking in certain places.

From a policy perspective, DTS supports smoke-free bus stops and currently has a program encouraging transit riders who smoke to voluntarily move away from bus stops while they smoke. DTS has been installing the following signage at City bus shelters:

as a courtesy to children and non-smokers, please do not smoke within waiting area.

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DTS has observed that many smokers are, in fact, walking away from the bus shelters out of respect for those transit riders who do not smoke.

DTS understands there are operational challenges to prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of a bus stop sign or shelter as most bus stops and/or shelters are within 20 feet of the roadway curbing, meaning the smoke-free zone would extend into the street and could include vehicles with occupants. Additionally, there are concerns with effective enforcement of the no-smoking zones.

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Finally, DTS estimates the cost of implementing proposed Bill 28 (2013), CD2, including the manufacturing of signage and posting, at a loaded rate of \$25.00 per sign, based on an installation rate of 20 signs per day. With approximately 4,000 bus stops, the total program implementation cost would be approximately \$100,000.00.

Very truly yours,

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